## Education and undergraduate studies for nurses and midwives

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## Apstract

**Introduction:** The system of education of nurses and midwives in Macedonia is a fundamental change as a result of changes in the health care system, but as a result of social and political change. Nurses are the most numerous group of health workers in the country and most European countries have a key role in the implementation of health care. Health care in the country under the health care is defined as an activity that treats the individual, the family and its environment in terms of health and disease, in order to achieve as high as possible level of health and to enable patients independence in performing basic life functions, improving their health, care of the sick and participate in the treatment, rehabilitation and palliative care. The latest amendments to the Law on Healthcare 2014 nurses as providers of public health services are classified according to the level of education of the 3 groups (Law on Amendments and adding the health care law, Official Gazette no. 43/14)

Category B - Health workers with higher vocational education

Category C - health workers with post-secondary vocational education

Category D - health workers with vocational education

The education of nurses in the country takes place at the level of four years secondary school and three years of higher vocational education with the possibility of one-year specialization.

**Objective:** to analyze the nurses enrolled in secondary and higher education in the 2014/2015 year. in the country.

**Materials and methods**: analysis of documentation, publications, competitions and other relevant documents.

**Results:** According to the medical institution there is a general trend of increasing staff in private health institutions, private hospitals and clinical hospitals. In terms of education, during the school year 2014/2015 according to the announcement for enrollment of students in public secondary schools enrolled a total of 1730 students Profile nurse in 51 classes in the towns of Veles, Gostivar, Kicevo, Kumanovo, Ohrid, Prilep, Skopje, Strumica, Tetovo and Stip. The highest percentage of students enrolled in the municipalities of Skopje, Tetovo and Gostivar. In terms of higher education of nurses in the country four state universities produce staff for the Health System, University of Skopje, Stip, Bitola and Tetovo.In terms of higher education of nurses in the country four state universiting current calls for enrollment of students at the universities in Skopje, Stip and Bitola is planned to enroll a total of 305 candidates of which 205 Profile 100 nurse and midwife candidate profile. The competition of the Tetovo State University provides a common quota three directions without specifying how many candidates will be enrolled in each direction separately.

**Discussion:** There is a trend of continuous increase in the number of enrollment in public high schools a total of 1330 students profile nursing, and about 400 of higher education, and the same happens in high schools where each year enrolling all provided vacancies competitions . According to the State Statistical Office, obtained on the basis of reports received in the Republic of Macedonia in the 2014/2015 academic year enrolled a total of 59 359 students which is an increase of 2.8% compared to the academic 2013 / 2014godina. The number of enrolled students - women accounted for 32,175 or 54.2%. The largest number of students or 87.3% were enrolled in public higher education institutions, while 12.2% were enrolled in private higher education institutions. In the first year of study in the academic year 2014/2015, enrolled 18,942 students or 31.9% (this included students in second, third and repeatedly entered the first year).

**Conclusion:** It is adopting a strategic document that will make a more comprehensive analysis of the sisterhood in Macedonia and that will result in recommendations for improvement of nursing, innovations in education and implementation of health care as the main component in nursing.

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